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THE FOLLOWING SENT SAIGON FROM DANANG 27 MAR H 73 REPEATED  
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### 1. MILITARY SITUATION:

INCIDENTS IN MR I FELL TO 18, OF WHICH 14 WERE ATTACKS BY FIRE  
( ABF). 1 SHZARVN DIVISION RECEIVED 7 ABFS, MOSTLY IN THE 3 RD  
REGIMENT AREA. THE AIRBORNE AND MARINE AOS WERE AGAIN WITHOUT  
ENEMY INITIATED INCIDENTS. QUANG NAM AND QUANG TIN SAW REDUCED  
ACTIVITY. IN QUANG NGAI THERE WERE GROUND ATTACKS AND ABF' S IN  
THE MO DUC SUB- SECTOR. FRIENDLY CASUALTIES WERE 13 KIA, ENEMY  
39 KIA. THERE WERE NO NAVAL GUNFIRE OR TACTICAL AIR SUPPORT  
MISSIONS REPORTED. FRIENDLY ARTILLERY FIRED 1,305 ROUNDS;  
621 NORTH OF THE HAI VAN PASS, 684 SOUTH.

### 2. ICCS:

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IN QUANG NAM AND QUANG TIN, THE SUB- REGION TEAMS CONTINUE TO LIVE IN BOREDOM, RELIEVED ONLY BY OCCASIONAL EXCURSIONS AND ENTERTAINMENT. THE SECOND INVESTIGATION BY THE HOI AN TEAM, STARTED LAST WEEK, WAS REFERRED TO REGION II HEADQUARTERS WITHOUT A FIELD INVESTIGATION.

3. COMMUNIST ACTIVITY:

ACCORDING TO QUANG NGAI POLICE OFFICIALS, THE COMMUNIST ARE LEVYING HIGHER RICE TAXES THEN USUAL, REACHING AS MUCH AS 60 PERCENT OF A FARMER'S THIRD LUNAR MONTH CROP.

4. GVN POLITICAL ACTIVITIES:

VILLAGE ELECTIONS ARE SCHEDULED TO BE HELD IN ABOUT TWO- THIRDS OF THE VILLAGES OF QUANG TIN FROM MAY 6 INTO JUNE. UNDER NEW ELGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS THAT THE VILLAGE CHIEF BE UNDER 59 YEARS OF AGE AND SERVE NOT MORE THAN SIX YEARS, THERE WILL BE A CONSIDERABLE TURNOVER OF INCUMBENTS ENTIRELY APART FROM ANY INITIAL ELECTORAL SUCCESSES OF THE DAN CHU PARTY. IN QUANG NGAI, A SCHEDULE OF VILLAGE ELECTIONS, PROBABLY BEGINNING IN MAY, IS NOW IN PREPARATION.

5. VNQDD:

POLOFF QUANG TIN REPORTS THAT AT THIER REGIONAL MEETING IN DANANG ON MARCH 17-18, THE VNQDD ( THONG NHUT) PROTESTED AGAINST THE LEGALITY OF DECREE LAW 060 AND OFFICIAL PRESSURES ON THIER MEMBERSHIP TO CONVERT TO THE DAN CHU. AT THE SAME TIME, THEY SUPPORT THE GVN AND THE PRINCIPLE OF GREATER NATIONALIST POLITICAL PARTY CONSOLIDATION. WHILE PROCEEDING WITH PLANS TO FORM PART OF A CONSOLIDATED OPPOSITION PARTY WHICH MEETS DECREE REQUIREMENTS, THEY DO NOT INTEND TO DISBAND THE VNQDD PARTY ON THE DECREE DEADLINE DATE OF MARCH 27 OR TO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT IT IS NO LONGER A PARTY UNDER THE LAW. RATHER THEY WILL AWUMT GVN MOVES AGAINST THE PARTIES AFTER THAT DATE BEFORE DETERMINING FUTURE ACTION FOR THE VNQDD. BROWN UNQUOTE.  
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